

NewsRound



Keeping parents and students informed

Term 5 Letter 3 Friday 23 June 2017

Poetry Competition

On Tuesday evening, the final recital of the Ashcroft Poetry Competition 2017 took place in the drama studio. Student from Years 7, 8 and 9 stepped into the spotlight and performed a mixture of their favourite work by published poets and their self-penned poems in front of an audience of parents and teachers. Such was the verve for writing their own poetry we simply had to introduce a separate category for poems written by the students themselves, offering up even more house points! The winner of the 'published' poem category was Lois Levi for her captivating and incredibly well-rehearsed rendition of 'Pretty' by Katie Makkai, closely followed by Marguerite Venning's brilliant reading of William Wordsworth's 'Daffodils'. In the 'self-written' category, Medhane Robel claimed the 100 house point winner's prize for his touching poem, 'How I See the World'. In second place was Anastasia Champagne for her poem 'The Doctor', an excellent example of sustained, sophisticated rhyme.

Throughout the evening the audience was treated to energetic and enlightening performances by our fantastic guest poet, lfe Grillo, who spoke to the students about how his experiences growing up had inspired his poetry. All participants deserve heaps of praise for their fantastic performances; they all worked incredibly hard on their chosen and self-written poems. Our guest poet was so impressed by the quality of the poems and the confident performances of all of the students who took part.

The following students should all feel very proud. Mr Peck urges you all to continue to write, and take an interest in, poetry!

Ayesha Mubarak (7T2), Marguerite Venning (7T2), Medhane Robel (7T3), Francisco Saldanha Mota (7T1), Kristoff Stultz (7T5), Hania Mujeeb (7T7), Anastasia Champagne (8T2), Mawaa Omar (8T4), Safiyya Najami (8T2), Lois Levi (8T7) and Amaan Mir (9T3).



Ashcroft Technology Academy

An invitation to all parents of prospective September 2018 Year 7 students to our

OPEN EVENING
Monday 26 June 2017
from 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Principal's welcome at 6.00pm and 7.00pm
Doors will open at 5.40pm

OPEN MORNINGS
Wednesday 28 June 2017, 9.00-11.00am
Thursday 29 June 2017, 9.00-11.00am

Open Morning spaces are limited and by appointment only, please email or telephone to book.

Come along to find out about the excellent facilities at our Outstanding Academy

Preparing students for the 21st century
The Academy Prospectus will be available for all open events.
Ashcroft Technology Academy, 100 West Hill, London SW15 2UT
Telephone : 020 8877 0357 Website: www.ashcroftacademy.org.uk
Email: admissions@ashcroftacademy.org.uk
Applications for the Aptitude Test should be returned to Ashcroft Technology Academy by 15 September 2017

CANARY WHARF

Year 12 students Ella Harrop, Helen Webley-Brown and Anna Durrant took a trip on Tuesday in the blistering heat, to collect data for their geography internal assessment. The girls went to both Canary Wharf and Stratford Olympic

Park to compare the regeneration attempts in both areas. They collected lots of useful data, in addition to spending a lovely day outside in the sunshine!



Victoria & Albert Museum trip

As part of the Academy's Honours Programme, the Design and Technology department arranged a trip to the Victoria and Albert Museum where our students had the opportunity to learn how a designer uses objects in the museums collection as a resource for developing knowledge and ideas. A

wonderful opportunity organised by D&T teacher Ms Mulrairie to enable students to gain some insight into how designers begin their investigative journey toward their final design!



BANK OF ENGLAND

Another Honours Programme event for Year 9 and 10 students took place on Monday to the Bank of England Museum.

Students enjoyed a talk about the Bank and a viewed a variety of exhibits including holding a 13kg solid gold bar worth £386000 as demonstrated by beaming Raheem!

The Bank offers a wide range of resources and services to build awareness and understanding of its role and functions, and of central banking more generally.

Casting a Vote for Carnegie Shortlist

by Muskan Sheikh 8T4, Zohaa Sheikh 8T6, Sarah Elmer 8T4, Sanskriti Mamgain 8T6

Last Friday The Carnegie group (we are an avid band of readers from Year 8, 9 and 10) cast our votes for what we felt was the best book from the Carnegie shortlist. We would be told the outcome when we met in LRC the following Monday to find out the most popular book amongst the group. On Monday, Miss Shaw revealed first who we had most voted for and our winner was 'Salt to the Sea' by Ruta Sepetys. The tension grew as we waited for the next announcement of who the esteemed Carnegie judges had chosen, would they have chosen the book we had thought was best? Miss Shaw then said, after what seemed an age of silence that the Winner of the Carnegie award 2017 was ... Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys". Our excitement then grew as we realised that this was the author that we were due to see on Wednesday at the annual Wandsworth Carnegie event, this year held at Bolingbrook Academy.

On Wednesday we travelled to Bolingbrook Academy with Miss Shaw and Mr Patterson. The whole experience was amazing and Ruta Sepetys first talked about different jobs she had before becoming an author, including working in the music industry for 20 years helping bands to convey story through song. She had also written story lines for computer games. To our amazement we discovered that she had worked on Halo and also on Ratchet and Clank. Ruta Sepetys then went on to speak about 'Salt to the Sea', and what made her decide to write this story.

'Salt to the Sea' is set in the Second World War and follows the journey of four individuals who are trying to get to the coast to be evacuated by ship to escape the advancing Russian army. Ruta Sepetys talked about the rarely known maritime disaster of the Wilhelm Gustloff, a ship that was sunk in the Baltic sea by a Russian submarine in 1945, The story had mainly remained a secret from the rest of the world for 70 years. The Wilhelm Gustloff was built to carry 1,463 people. On the day it was sunk, it was carrying 10,574. It is estimated that 9,400 people died.

We were delighted when we were given the chance to ask questions as Holly and Sam both had interesting questions to put to her. Ruta Sepetys announced that the movie rights to 'Salt to the Sea' has just been bought and will now be made into a film. We wish her luck on the creation of the film.



Sports' Days

These will run from periods 1-6 on the following days:

Monday 26th June: Year 9

Tuesday 27th June: Year 7

Wednesday 28th June: Year 8

Friday 30th June: Year 10

Arrangements are as follows:

- Year groups to register in the gyms at 830am on their specified day
- Students must have full PE kit and may wear a T-shirt in their House colour.
- Games and activities will take place on site first thing and continue at Openview for Athletics competitions.
- Students must bring everything necessary for their afternoon lessons.
- Sports Days will finish in good time to return for lunch as normal.

Depending on weather conditions students should be prepared to pack waterproofs in case of rain or sun cream if hot.



Parents' weekly tip for E-safety

Tip #3

Check that your son/daughter doesn't post any personal information online, such as his/her address, email address or mobile number.

LILLE TRIP

Just a reminder to students that on the day of the trip, Friday 30 June, it is important they bring their passport and EHIC card, as well as 20-25 euros?

Students must arrive no later than 4:15 am prompt at the Academy or they may risk missing the coach which has a scheduled journey timetable to adhere to.

GCSEs are changing

GCSEs in England are changing. The courses and exams have been changed to ensure that young people have the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the 21st century. The new GCSEs will ensure that students leave school prepared to work or further study. They cover more challenging content and are designed to match standards in the strongest performing education systems elsewhere in the world.

More detailed information can be obtained from the DoE website link: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/620547/GCSE_Factsheet_parentFormatted__1_.pdf

Horticultural Society

During June, the ATA Horticultural Society has planted sweetcorn, beetroot, carrots and cabbage. With the good weather continuing we should harvest a good crop.

A good harvest of strawberries and a small number of raspberries was obtained due to plenty of sunshine and regular watering.

The strawberry crop was enjoyed by staff since they were fortunately, this year, largely ignored by our resident wildlife, two pairs of blackbirds nesting in the garden and the grey squirrel.

Our next task is to clear out the strawberry bed and weed it completely ready for further planting.



Year 7 Parents' Survey

A reminder to Year 7 parents to complete the survey they have received from Mr Hall please?

The surveys can be completed on line if preferred at the following website:

Survey 1: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZWPGFHV>

Survey 2: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZS9D36Z>

UNIFORM PURCHASE DAY

If you need to purchase new items of uniform you are welcome to come along to the uniform purchase day to be held in one of the Gyms on

TUESDAY 11 JULY FROM 2PM-7PM

Payment can be made by cash, debit/credit card or by cheque

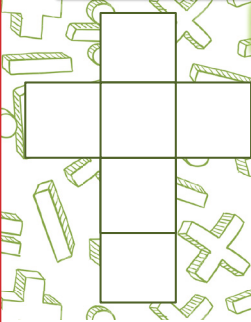
Maths Challenge

KS3

MATHS CHALLENGE



Q1 Using all of the numbers 1 to 6 once, can you make each line add up to the same number?



Can you do this more than one way?

Is it possible to make the lines equal 10?

Use the green slips to submit your solutions in the post-box in the Maths corridor by Monday 3rd July (break time).

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MATHS CHALLENGE



Q1 Think of a 3 digit number...

Multiply it by 13

then multiply it by 7

and then by 11.

What do you notice?
Does this always happen?

Why?



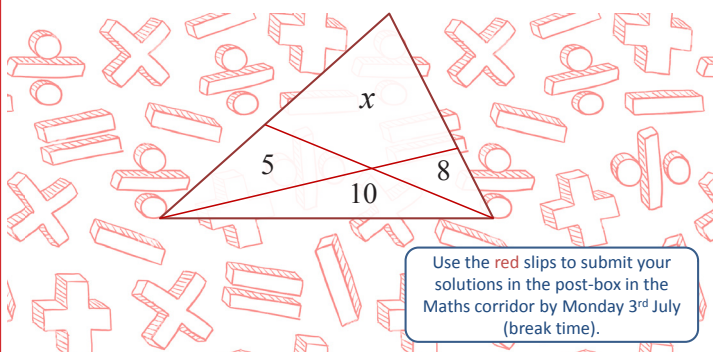
Use the orange slips to submit your solutions in the post-box in the Maths corridor by Monday 3rd July (break time).

KS5

MATHS CHALLENGE

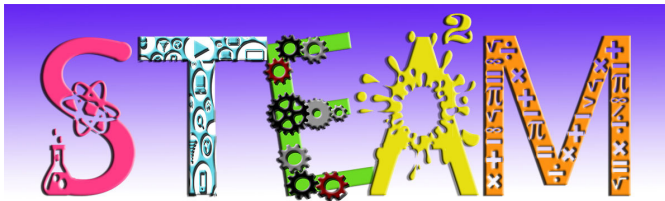


Q1 What is the area x ?

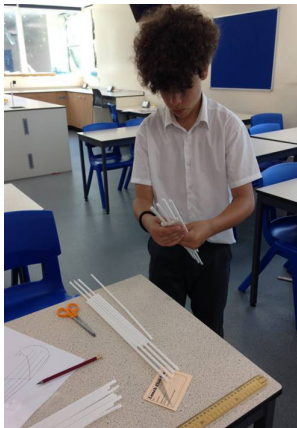


Use the red slips to submit your solutions in the post-box in the Maths corridor by Monday 3rd July (break time).

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STEAM Club enjoyed yet another STEAMtastic week, with full STEAM ahead for their final rotation of this academic year!



In Mr O'Sullivan's Super Structures Club, the Year 9 STEAMmies made a great start and they quickly summarised the strongest shapes for building. They then set about making plans for how to make the strongest bridge possible, in which they had to take into account how they are going to work with the restrictions on building materials and time. As soon as they could, they started building and some groups are nearly half-way finished, and are

ready to start testing their structures made only from paper straws and tape.

In Mr Hearn's Anatomy of Film Club, the Year 7 STEAMmies were transported to the land of their nightmares by the 1992 short film 'The Sandman'. They identified the ways in which horror was created in the film, particularly through the use of camera angles. Having discussed how this film was put together, they started to apply the same techniques in thinking about the way in which they would make a film version of Ted Hughes' 'The Iron Man'. The STEAMmies quickly grasped the effects of various film techniques and decisions made by directors and over the coming weeks this should give them a good grounding to put this into practise on their own films!

With Miss Griffiths, Miss Haviland and Miss Peterson, in



the Pin-Hole Camera Club, the Year 8 STEAMmies had a great start and all students taped up and painted their boxes black to ensure that light can't enter the interior of their pin-hole camera.

Next week, they will

complete the construction of the cameras by making a pinhole lens using a needle and aluminium.

Wow! Keep up with the great work, STEAM Club!



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Multi-choice menu
1	Chicken & Sweetcorn Lasagne with Garlic Bread Vegetable Quesadilla	Sausages & Onions, Potato Wedges Vegetable Layer Pie	Beef Curry and Rice Veggie Mince Pitta Bread and Salad	Roast Lamb and Roast Potatoes Cauliflower Cheese	Homemade Tuna Fish Cake with Potato Wedges Vegetable Pasta Bake	MEAL DEAL Choose a hot meal from Option 1 plus something from Options 2 or 5 Choose a soup from Option 2 plus something from Options 3 or 4 or 5 Choose a sandwich from Option 4 plus something from Options 2 or 5 Choose the Salad Bar option plus something from Options 2 or 5
	Stone Baked Pizza Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Chicken Joe's Wrap Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Chicken Joe's Wrap Jacket Potato	
	Green Beans and Salad	Baked Beans or Macedoine	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Salad and Peas/Sweetcorn	
2	Thai Butternut Soup	Pea and Mint Soup	Tomato and Basil Soup	Minestrone Soup	Vegetable Soup	
3	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)	
4	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)	
5	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fruit Sponge and Custard	Fruit Gateaux	Apple Pie and Custard	Selection of Cold Desserts	
	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	
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Meal Deal (Option 1 + 2 or 5) £2.25 students/£2.47 staff Main Meal only £1.95 students/£2.15 staff

Lunch Rota next week: 1.05 Year11/Year 9 1.10 Year 10 1.25 Year 7 1.35 Year 8